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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention is further illustrated with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a graphical depiction of the serum levels of tramadol following administration of one tablet according to Example 2 in 12 healthy volunteers; and

Fig. 2 is a graphical depiction of the plasma profile resulting from single dose administration of the tablet of Example 8 in comparison to the administration of a commercial preparation of tramadol drops 100mg in a trial involving five healthy male volunteers.

In the Claims:

Please **delete** claims 21-41 without prejudice, in order to decrease the cost of the filing fee.

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claims 21-41 have been deleted without prejudice.

Conclusion:

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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